



# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Confirmation No. 9381
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Terry KNOBLOCK et al.	:	
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	:	Group Art Unit: 2171
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Serial No.: 09/995,193	:	Examiner: Unassigned
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Filed: November 27, 2001	:	
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For: METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM	:	
PRODUCT THAT UTILIZE A HIERARCHICAL	:	
CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK TO MODEL AN	:	
ENVIRONMENT CONTAINING A	:	
COLLECTION OF ITEMS	:	

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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS AND PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.47(a)

Hon. Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants have received the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed on October 11, 2001 indicating that the signatures for inventors Terry Knoblock and Mike Golobay were missing from the oath or declaration for this Application. In response thereto, Applicants submit the following response and a petition under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a). A copy of the Notice is returned herewith as required.

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With respect to inventor Terry Knoblock, an executed declaration or oath compliant with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63 is provided herewith in fulfillment of the requirement set forth in the Notice. A copy of this executed document is provided as Attachment A.

With respect to inventor Mike Golobay, the following showings are provided in support of a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a). Mike Golobay was employed by WorldCom, Inc. during the time that the subject invention described in the Application was conceived and/or reduced to practice. Mr. Golobay is and was under obligation to assign rights to the subject invention to WorldCom, Inc.

At the direction of WorldCom's legal counsel, a copy of the above referenced application along with the declaration was sent by certified mail to Mr. Golobay at his home address of record on or about January 3, 2002. Attachment B is a copy of the cover letter that accompanied this correspondence. This letter stipulates a response due date of January 25, 2002.

The return receipt from this mailing is provided as Attachment C and clearly shows receipt of the correspondence by Mr. Golobay at the following last known address: 3733 Blue Trace Lane, Dallas, TX 75244

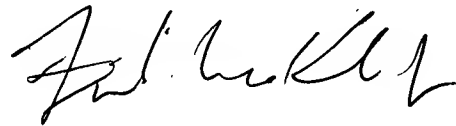
As evidenced by the copy of the front of the return receipt in Attachment C, Mr. Golobay did receive the package containing the specification, drawings and formal documents along with instructions to execute and return the documents. Furthermore, the requested date for the return of the signed oath or declaration has long since passed and WorldCom Inc. has not received the requested executed documents nor any other indication that Mr. Golobay intends to sign the declaration.

For reference, the declaration provided with the original filing of the application containing two of the other co-inventors' signatures are provided in Attachment D. The declaration sent to inventors Carlson, Mason, Knoblock and Golobay complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.63.

The fees for this submission, including a fee for a one-month extension of time, a petition fee, and a surcharge for the late filing of an oath or declaration, are provided for in a fee transmittal form enclosed herewith. It is not believed that any further extensions of time or fees are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if any further fees or additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and any fees required are hereby authorized to be charged to WorldCom's Deposit Account No. 13-2491.

In view of the fact that Mr. Golobay has not cooperated in signing the declaration and that Applicants having provided his last known address, a description and substantiation of the pertinent facts in attempting to obtain his cooperation, and the requisite petition fee, Applicants believe that all requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a) have been met and hereby respectfully request prompt consideration and granting of this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank McKiel, Jr.  
Agent for Applicants  
Registration No. 43,792

**Date:** April 10, 2002

WorldCom, Inc.  
2424 Garden of the Gods Rd.  
Colorado Springs, CO 80919  
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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	09/995,193	
	Filing Date	November 27, 2001	
	First Named Inventor	KNOBLOCK et al.	
	Group Art Unit	2171	
	Examiner Name	Not assigned	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission		Attorney Docket Number	RIC97006P1

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Frank A. McKiel, Jr. WorldCom Technology Law Department
Signature	43,792
Date	4/10/02

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on this date: 4-10-2002			
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Examiner Name	Not Assigned
Group Art Unit	2171
Attorney Docket No.	RIC97006P1

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Deposit  
Account  
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- Charge Any Additional Fee Required
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- Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☐
- Applicant claims small entity status.
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- See 37 CFR 1.27

- 2.
- ☐
- Payment Enclosed:

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- Check
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- Credit card
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- Money
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## FEE CALCULATION

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Large Entity Small Entity

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107 490 207 245 Plant filing fee

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Fee Paid

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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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Independent Claims	3** =	X	
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103 18 203 9 Claims in excess of 20

102 80 202 40 Independent claims in excess of 3

104 270 204 135 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid

109 80 209 40 \*\* Reissue independent claims  
over original patent110 18 210 9 \*\* Reissue claims in excess of 20  
and over original patent

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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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127 50 227 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or  
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139 130 139 130 Non-English specification

147 2,520 147 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination

112 920\* 112 920\* Requesting publication of SIR prior to  
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115 110 215 55 Extension for reply within first month

116 390 216 195 Extension for reply within second month

117 890 217 445 Extension for reply within third month

118 1,390 218 695 Extension for reply within fourth month

128 1,890 228 945 Extension for reply within fifth month

119 310 219 155 Notice of Appeal

120 310 220 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal

121 270 221 135 Request for oral hearing

138 1,510 138 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding

140 110 240 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable

141 1,240 241 620 Petition to revive - unintentional

142 1,240 242 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)

143 440 243 220 Design issue fee

144 600 244 300 Plant issue fee

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123 50 123 50 Petitions related to provisional applications

126 240 126 240 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt

581 40 581 40 Recording each patent assignment per  
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(37 CFR § 1.129(a))149 710 249 355 For each additional invention to be  
examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))

179 710 279 355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

169 900 169 900 Request for expedited examination  
of a design application

Other fee (specify) Submission of Corrected Application Papers

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## SUBMITTED BY

Name (Print/Type)

Frank A. McKiel, Jr.

Registration No.  
(Attorney/Agent)

43,792

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Telephone

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Signature

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Date

4/10/2002

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APPLICATION NUMBER	FILING/RECEIPT DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER
09/995,193	11/27/2001	Terry Knoblock	RIC-97-006-P1

CONFIRMATION NO. 9381

## FORMALITIES LETTER



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WORLDCOM, INC.  
TECHNOLOGY LAW DEPARTMENT  
1133 19TH STREET NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20036

Date Mailed: 12/10/2001



## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:  
*Terry Knoblock / Mike Golobay*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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ATTACHMENT A

Terry Knoblock's signed Oath/Declaration



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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

#### METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM THAT UTILIZE A HIERARCHICAL CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK TO MODEL AN ENVIRONMENT CONTAINING A COLLECTION OF ITEMS

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto

☒ was filed on November 27, 2001 as United States Application Number 09/995,193 or PCT International Application Number and was amended on .

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national application or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

#### Prior Foreign Application(s)

#### Priority Claimed

(number) (country) (date filed)

yes no

(number) (country) (date filed)

yes no



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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

(Application Number(s))

(Filing Date mm/dd/yy)

I hereby appoint practitioners at Customer No. 25537 which include: Steven McCann, Reg. No. 34,958; Paul A. Roberts, Reg. No. 40,289; Michael B. Chernoff, Reg. No. 42,408; Suresh Koshy, Reg. No. 42,761; Brian C. Oakes, Reg. No. 41,467; Stephen A. Zemanick, Reg. 48,724, my attorneys; and, Frank A. McKiel, Reg. No. 43,792, my patent agent with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

I also hereby appoint as my attorney/agent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Full name of Sole or First Inventor: Terry Knoblock  
Residence Address: Wylie, TX, USA  
Mailing Address: 908 Foxwood Lane, Wylie, TX, 75098, USA  
Citizenship: USA

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any: Mike Golobay  
Residence Address: Dallas, TX, USA  
Mailing Address: 3733 Blue Trace Lane, Dallas, TX, 75244, USA  
Citizenship: USA

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any: Gregory G. Carlson  
Residence Address: Plano, TX, USA  
Mailing Address: 7724 Standish Circle, Plano, TX, 75025, USA  
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Full name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any: Willis Mason  
Residence Address: Rowlett, TX, USA  
Mailing Address: 7714 Spinnaker Cove, Rowlett, TX, 75089, USA  
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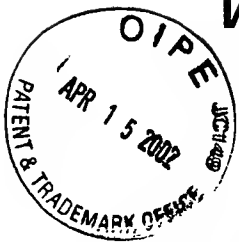
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**ATTACHMENT B**

McKiel's letter to Golobay dated January 3, 2002



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January 3, 2002

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL  
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Re: RIC97006P1 *"METHOD, SYSTEM AND PROGRAM THAT UTILIZE A  
HIERARCHICAL CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK TO MODEL AN ENVIRONMENT  
CONTAINING A COLLECTION OF ITEMS"*

Dear Mike:

Enclosed please find the Assignment and Power of Attorney papers which must accompany the above referenced patent application for filing, along with your copy of the above referenced patent application.

In the Declaration and Power of Attorney, you the inventor state that, to the best of your knowledge, your invention has never been patented or described in a printed publication by you or anyone else, here or abroad more than one year ago. You also give permission to the WorldCom patent attorneys to represent all aspects of the application to the US Patent and Trademark Office.

In the Assignment, you assign to WorldCom all right and title to your invention, to include any future improvements or financial gain which WorldCom may realize as a result of the invention.

Please sign and date these immediately and return them to me by January 25, 2002. If the address we have listed for you is no longer a valid address, please line out and hand print in the correct address and initial the change. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact in-house counsel, Paul Roberts at (202) 736-6604 or myself (719) 535-6307.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Best wishes,

Frank McKiel, Jr.  
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C. Signature **X Mike Gdokay**  
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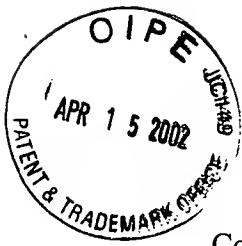
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**ATTACHMENT D**

Copies of signed Declarations of Co-Inventors Willis Mason and Gregory Carlson  
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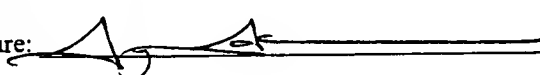
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Signature:  \_\_\_\_\_ Date: **11/20/01**

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Citizenship: **USA**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Citizenship: **USA**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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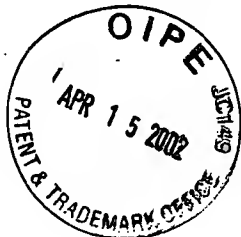
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